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Fremont Releases Draft Mobility Action Plan

In May 2017, Fremont's Mayor and City Council initiated the process to develop a Mobility Action Plan and appoint a Mobility Task Force to guide staff and consultants on Fremont's transportation issues and needs. From its inception, the goal of the Mobility Action Plan would be to address traffic congestion, improve local multimodal circulation, reduce traffic crashes, and adapt new transportation technologies.



In September 2017, the City Council appointed a 14-member Mobility Task Force composed of Fremont residents and stakeholders. The task force represented different areas of the city and contributed a variety of perspectives and knowledge from a wide range of professional backgrounds. The Fremont Mobility Action Plan was developed from community input solicited at five community events, a topic posted on Fremont Open City Hall, the City's online civic engagement forum, and 11 Mobility Task Force meetings.

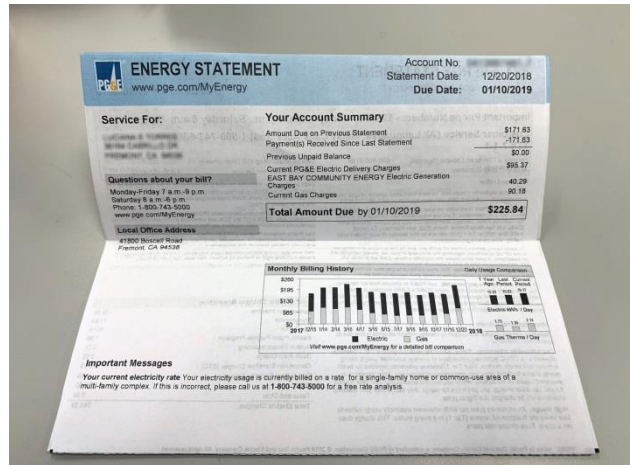
The Mobility Action Plan is intended to guide the City's local implementation priorities and regional advocacy efforts over the next five years. Recommendations in the plan include topics of traffic signal modernization, school zones and access, travel alternatives, traffic safety program, new technologies and smart mobility, and regional policy and projects.

To review the latest draft of the Mobility Action Plan, visit www.Fremont.gov/MobilityActionPlan. The draft Plan will be presented to the Fremont City Council for review at a work session scheduled on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Fremont City Hall, located at 3300 Capitol Ave. City Council adoption of the Mobility Action Plan is scheduled for March 5, 2019.

Fremont Wants to Help Residents Understand Their New Electricity Bill

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is the new electricity provider for Fremont. Through this local Community Choice Energy program, Fremont residents are receiving cleaner electricity at an affordable rate. Fremont is not the first city to adopt a program like this. Cities throughout San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Sonoma County, Marin County, and San Francisco already have their own regional Community Choice Energy programs in place.

Under East Bay Community Energy, Fremont residents continue to receive one bill from PG&E. While various charges and credits have been added to the bill, in most cases after adding them all up, residents should see a slight net savings compared to what the bill would have been under PG&E alone. For more information and to view a sample bill with detailed explanations, visit www.Fremont.gov/EBCESampleBill.



On the PG&E portion of the bill, residents will still see electric “Transmission” and “Distribution” delivery charges from PG&E, which have always been a part of the bill. Residents will also see a “Generation Credit” from PG&E for not buying their electricity and a “Power Charge Indifference Adjustment,” or exit fee, from PG&E.

On the EBCE portion of the bill, residents will see “Generation Charges” for the cleaner electricity procured by EBCE. EBCE has factored in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment charge into its rate setting process so that EBCE’s generation charges plus the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment fee are still competitive with PG&E.

If residents are finding that their most recent bill seems high, they should note that during the winter months, it’s common for energy usage to increase due to heating needs. Therefore, when comparing bills, it is important to consider the season. In addition, residents should review the electric and natural gas portions of their bill separately. If they have gas heating, then their natural gas bill may be higher than it was in the warmer months.

For further questions on billing, residents can contact EBCE at 1-833-699-3223. EBCE representatives are available to walk residents through their bill.

For solar customers, enrollment in EBCE started this year and is based on the customer’s “True Up” date as noted in their statement.

To learn more about EBCE, visit www.EBCE.org or www.Fremont.gov/EBCEFAQs.

Fremont Businesses Have an Ally on Their Side

Businesses are an integral part of the Fremont fabric. As the community grows and attracts new businesses, the City of Fremont continues to look for ways to help business owners and entrepreneurs succeed.

The City understands that starting or expanding a business is not a simple task. There are several steps involved in the process—from obtaining the correct permits to enlisting the proper services to get the business up and running. Sometimes the process can be overwhelming and confusing, but the Business Ally Program can help.

The Business Ally Program is a coordinated approach between the City’s Economic Development and Community Development Departments to help new businesses meet all of their needs. Fremont’s economy grows, and new businesses get a head start. It’s a win-win.

Heading up this win-win is Mike Wayne. Mike serves as the City’s Permit Center Manager/Business Ally and has many years of experience working in planning and building departments across the Bay Area. In his role as Business Ally, Mike provides one-on-one assistance to business owners opening or expanding a business in Fremont. He facilitates project reviews and pre-application meetings, assists with the permitting process, employs outside resources, and coordinates with staff from other City departments and outside agencies.

“Fremont values its businesses, and I am happy to be that one point of contact for them on the regulatory side,” says Mike. “When starting a business, I know how important it is to have peace of mind that all requirements are being met.”

When asked about his vision for the program moving forward, Mike says, “We are starting to streamline the information we provide businesses and offer online tools that make the permitting process easier. We want to take advantage of the available resources and technologies and promote them to the business community.”

Fremont is open for business. To connect with Mike Wayne and find out more about the Business Ally Program, visit www.Fremont.gov/BusinessAlly.



Fremont Seeks Feedback on New Park at the Corner of Dusterberry and Peralta

Dusterberry Park is a future 4-acre park in the planning stages in Fremont that will be located at the corner of Dusterberry Way and Peralta Blvd. The current building will eventually be demolished and the concrete and asphalt removed to make way for a park that serves the residents in the neighborhood.

In January, the City conducted the first in a series of four workshop meetings. The next meeting, which is scheduled



for Saturday, February 9, will involve exciting design exercises with residents about the features they'd like to see in the park that will provide opportunities for informal recreation, leisure, and fitness.

Residents are invited to attend upcoming meetings at Artist Place, located within Artist Walk at 3888 Artist Walk Common on the following dates:

Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Participate in a design charrette and collaborate on a vision for development; develop conceptual plans.

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Review of conceptual plans developed at the February 9th meeting and selection of a preferred plan.

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Review of preferred plan selected at the March 6th meeting

For more information and to fill out a survey about park specific features, visit www.Fremont.gov/Dusterberry or contact Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci at MMennucci@fremont.gov or 510-494-4530.

Success Starts with Homework Help

There's nothing like tough homework assignments to create stress and frustration for a parent and their child. Afterschool programs can help kids develop good homework habits.

The City of Fremont Warm Springs After School Care and Homework program offers youth in grades K-6th a dedicated space for daily homework assistance. Take part in a homework support program that provides a nurturing environment to thrive academically and emotionally through well-structured daily curriculum, nutritious snacks, outdoor supervised recess, and fun activities. Experienced and enthusiastic staff monitor homework and provide students quality help when needed.



Held at the Warm Springs Community Center, 47300 Fernald St., the next session of the Fremont Warm Springs After School Care and Homework program begins February 11.

Register at www.RegeRec.com (barcode # 269313). For questions please call 510-494-4318.

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